

WROCKWARDINE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2010 at
Admaston House at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Cllr. – S.C. Rawlings - Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. Elaine Ballantyne, K. Ballantyne, M. Craik, E.
Dawes, Nadine Evans, T. Kiernan, D. Powell, Mrs Jo Savage
and Mrs. S. Turner.
Mr. M. Goldstraw – Clerk

Also present: CSO Suzy Coombs
Caroline Oaks (Borough Officer)
Fiona Stewart (Borough Officer)
Three members of the public.

09/188 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

09/189 Apologies for Absence

All members of council being present there were no apologies to receive.
The meeting received courtesy apologies from Borough Councillor
Miss J. Seymour and PC McPherson.

09/190 Police Report

CSO Suzy Coombs presented the police report and answered questions.
The meeting discussed the appropriate timing of speed enforcement in
Admaston and CSO Coombs agreed to feed back the thoughts of the meeting
to the police traffic officer.

*7.36 p.m. CSO Coombs left the meeting after being thanked by the Chairman for
her attendance.*

09/191 Public Session

No matters from the public were raised.

09/192 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

09/193 Minutes

Cllr. Kiernan asked the meeting to note that although in substance minute
09/181 was correct he had in fact been specifically critical of the Borough's
previous administration and not the present one. The meeting was content that
this was so and it was agreed that it should be noted on the present minutes as
being accepted. Subject to Cllr. Kiernan's observation:

**The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2010 were confirmed
and signed, by the Chairman, as a true record.**

09/194 Rural Matters

Rural Housing Needs

The meeting received a presentation on the rural housing needs survey from Fiona Stewart.

7:44 p.m. Cllr. Nadine Evans left the meeting for two minutes in order to assist a member of the public and rejoined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting discussed the practicalities of implementing a rural housing needs survey in the parish.

Mrs. Stewart answered a number of questions.

7:59 p.m. Cllr. Jo Savage briefly left the meeting and returned at 8:00 p.m.

Following further discussion it was agreed to circulate the task list provided to all members and to place the matter on the next agenda for a resolution.

Wrockwardine Footpath Project

The Chairman reminded the meeting that at its last meeting Council had received a request to consider the provision of a footpath linking Wrockwardine with Admaston. The Clerk read out a letter from Mr & Mrs Hall outlining the details of the request.

The meeting discussed the request and considered an alternative suggestion for a rural footpath route via the fields tabled by Cllr. Ballantyne which might provide the same outcome but would be more in keeping with a rural environment.

Cllr. Kiernan asked the meeting to allow him the opportunity to speak with the land owner before discussing the matter further. It was agreed to allow Cllr. Kiernan the opportunity to speak to the land owner. The Clerk was asked to place the matter on the next agenda for further discussion.

Street Lighting Wrockwardine

The Chairman informed the meeting that at the recent public quarry liaison meeting he had received a number of requests from residents of Wrockwardine asking for the provision of street lighting in the village to be reviewed. Following discussion it was agreed that the matter should be raised at the next Annual Parish Meeting so that the feelings of the parish could be explored.

Quarry Liaison Meeting

The Chairman and Cllr. Jo Savage gave a report of the meeting. In light of a forthcoming planning application from the quarry Members discussed the possibilities of obtaining some form of community funding from the quarry management company via the planning process. It was agreed to ask the Borough Councillors of the Ward to take the matter forward.

09/195 Traffic Matters

Traffic Statistics

The Meeting discussed the data which had been received by Council; it was agreed that in its raw state it meant nothing to members. It was agreed to explore the cost of engaging independent traffic engineers to interpret the data and, if necessary, to obtain new data on behalf of the parish.

Rumble Strips on B5063

The meeting heard that the Clerk and Chairman were to meet with the officer on the 11th March (the day following the Parish Council meeting).

09/196 Grants

Cllrs M. Craik and Mrs Jo Savage declared an interest in the application of the PCC and took no part in that discussion.

The meeting discussed the following grant applications:

The Samaritans of Telford

The Chairman proposed that a grant of £200 be made; seconded by Cllr. Dawes it was resolved that a grant of £200 be made to The Samaritans of Telford.

St. Peters PCC

The meeting received a request for funding to assist in the maintenance of the Church grounds and burial ground along with lighting and heating of the Church. Cllr. Ballantyne asked council to consider putting the grass cutting into council's own maintenance budget on the basis that the church yard and burial ground were public amenities available to the whole of the parish. This would allow the remainder of the grant budget to be considered for the St. Christopher's Holiday Club application for funding.

It was agreed to place the possibility of assisting the PCC in funding its maintenance on the next agenda.

St. Christopher's Holiday Club

It was proposed by Cllr. Kiernan that a grant of £400 be made to St. Christopher's Holiday Club; seconded by Cllr. Mrs Nadine Evans.

Cllr. Ballantyne proposed an amendment to the proposition namely that a grant of £500 be made to St. Christopher's Holiday Club; seconded by Cllr. Elaine Ballantyne the amendment was put to the meeting. It was resolved that a grant of £500 be made to St. Christopher's Holiday Club.

09/197 Newsletter

The Chairman asked the meeting to consider the proposition that in light of recent concerns raised by the lack of time that had been given to the editorial process of the Newsletter by the PC, that in future, F&GP members should all be copied in on the pre-print proofs for a final scrutiny and that if any issues are raised that F&GP should consider the matter and make a recommendation to Council.

Cllr. Kiernan stated that he had received various correspondence on the article criticising the vandalism of the rubbish bin but didn't wish to pursue the matter further.

The meeting discussed a clarification of the role of the editors.

9:24 p.m. Cllr. Dawes left the meeting.

Following further discussion it was agreed that lessons had been learned and it was felt therefore that no formal steps to alter the editorial process were necessary.

9:26 p.m. Cllr. Dawes returned to the meeting.

09/198 Admaston House Trust

Cllr. Mrs Turner presented her report on the activities of the Trust.

Cllr. Powell reported that the house had suffered from a break in. Cllr. Powell was critical of the Borough Council's previous regime but was pleased to report that the present council had provided considerable manpower to facilitate a feasibility study.

Cllr. Ballantyne stated that Admaston House had had varied and mixed fortunes over the years but its progress and future survival was an enormous testament to the efforts of three people in particular: Without the considerable efforts of Derrick Powell, Graham Hayward and Alan Bingham what we are seeing happen with the House today just would not have happened. Cllr. Ballantyne invited the Parish Council to thank those people for their hard work to provide this well appreciated community asset, stating that they had driven the whole project forward and it is they who should receive the accolade.

The meeting wholeheartedly endorsed the view of Cllr. Ballantyne and formally thanked Derrick Powell, Graham Hayward and Alan Bingham for their hard work in not only saving but also securing the future of Admaston House.

09/199 Parish Improvements

a) Provision of Allotments

The Clerk reported that the Borough legal officer had notified him that a 100 year lease was acceptable to the Borough and a new draft lease would be forwarded. At the time of the meeting no lease had been received.

b) Playgrounds at Walcot and Burnell Road/Pemberton Road.

The Chairman informed the meeting that owing to Borough deadlines a decision on the type of installation had had to be agreed per the delegated powers set out at the last meeting. The specification was outlined to the meeting.

The meeting heard that the Borough were to supply 1 oak seat for each of the two play areas, one bin for the Walcot site and two bins for the Pemberton

Road site. The Chairman agreed to meet with the Borough Officer to determine the location of these items.

The meeting heard that an overgrown holly tree at Pemberton Road needed pruning.

The Chairman agreed to discuss the opening arrangements of the two playgrounds with the Borough Officer.

c) Renewal of Grass Cutting Contracts

The meeting agreed that the F&GP should be tasked with producing new specifications for new contracts which would take effect from Spring 2011.

The Chairman gave details of his attendance a meeting where it had been disclosed that there was a proposal to create a formal nature reserve which would overlap the parishes of Wellington and Wrockwardine (Admaston) (The Dothill Nature Reserve). It was felt that this should be discussed with some urgency and it was agreed that an F&GP meeting should be held on Thursday 25th March to deal with the matter.

09/200 Correspondence

1. Correspondence requiring a decision

T&WC	Rural Forum meeting 25 th March –
Noted.	
Wellington TC	Dothill Nature Reserve – referred to
previously	in meeting.
Over 60s Club	Letter of thanks for grant.

2. Correspondence not requiring a decision

Telford Bridleways Assoc	Letter in defence of Silkin Way proposal.
	Noted.
Ramblers Assoc	Newsletter – noted.
Arriva	Bus consultation – noted.
NHS Trust	Newsletter – noted.

09/201 Planning Matters

The meeting was informed that this would be the last meeting where planning applications were tabled in paper form. It was agreed to put the matter to the next F&GP meeting.

Applications

The following application was received:

W10/0122 Erection of conservatory to side: The Cottage 1 Wrekin Course Cluddley. There were no objections.

Permissions

The following permission was received:

W10/0028 Demolition of existing poultry building and erection of new poultry building; The Farm Charlton.

Refusals

The following refusal was received:

W09/1030 Erection of one retirement bungalow (outline); Land at rear 9 Bratton Road.

09/202 Accounts for Payment

Receipts & Payments - It was RESOLVED - that these be approved and paid as tabled.

The meeting agreed the following additional payments:

Wrockwardine Parish Hall – Rent £84.00 cheque 010382

SC Rawlings – Reimbursement of travel - £23.48 cheque 010383

SC Rawlings – Chairman’s Allowance - £300.00 cheque £010384

Statement 37 was tabled along with the reconciliation and was approved.

09/203 Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at Admaston House on Friday 23rd April at 7:30 p.m.

09/204 Press Statement

There was no statement made.

09/205 Chairman’s Closing Remarks

The Chairman thanked all for attending.

09/206 Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Council was to be on Wednesday 14th April 2010 to commence at 7.30 p.m. at Admaston House.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:15 p.m.

Signed _____
Chairman

Date _____